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SUBJECT: ELEVEN LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS ESTABLISH "TRANSPARENCY
AND REFORM ALLIANCE" TO FIGHT CORRUPTION

¶1. Salah Al-Ghazali, Secretary General of the Transparency and Reform Alliance (TRS), a coalition of eleven local organizations formed to fight corruption, announced February 15 the approval of TRS's mission statement and charter, the English-daily Arab Times reported. Commenting on the occasion, Al-Ghazali said the members' key principles were "transparency, accountability, integrity, and solidarity in addition to courage, justice, and democracy." "Through bolstering coordination among all civil community bodies on the national level, the alliance hopes to boost transparency and deal hard blows to corruption whether in the government sector and the legislative authority or the private sector," he concluded.

¶2. The groups forming the alliance are: Kuwait Transparency Society, Kuwait Bar Association, Kuwait Association of Accountants and Auditors, Kuwait Engineers Society, Kuwait Graduates Society, Kuwait Economists Society, Kuwait Teachers Society, Kuwait Journalists Association, Kuwait Medical Association, Together for Family Development, and the Society for the Protection of Public Funds.

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